

Minutes of the Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd Board Meeting, 18 August 1997, 172
Skye Road, Frankston

PRESENT: A.R. Gourley, Lois Wishart, Richard Greaves, Greg Wishart, David Griffiths and Vern Hughes

Minutes

1. That the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 21 July 1997.

M: Lois Wishart S: Richard Greaves CARRIED

Membership

David Griffiths reported that he had received a membership application from Vern Hughes and that a copy of the Rules and a receipt for the \$10 share payment had been mailed on 4 August.

2. That a share be allotted to Vern Hughes. One Share No 745

M: David Griffiths S: Lois Wishart CARRIED

Fundraising

Richard Greaves and Greg Wishart reported that they had met briefly and that another meeting was to be arranged.

United Energy

David Griffiths reported that United Energy had not responded to his Co-operative Energy Ltd letter of 21 July 1997. He reported that copies of this had been mailed to board members on 15 August 1997.

The Chairman reported that a United Energy reminder bill received in August and payable by 21 August 1997 included the following advice on the back of the bill:

Don't Lose Your Free United Energy Surge Plan Cover!

Please remember that free cover for surge damage under United Energy Surge Plan is lost if you pay your bills a total of more than 8 days late in any 12-month period from 1st January 1998.

If you have lost United Energy Surge Plan cover, it automatically recommences after you pay all accounts in a subsequent 12-month period by their due dates.

Alternatively, by applying to pay your account by direct debit from your bank account, your cover will recommence immediately.

Direct Debit by instalments can also help to make budgeting easier.

Please call 133 000 if you want to check whether you are still covered or if you wish to pay your accounts by direct debit.

It was agreed that the Secretary would write to United Energy and the Office of the Regulator-General, Victoria.

Piccol

David Griffiths reported that he had obtained the necessary documentation for changing the signatories at Piccol and had given these to the Chairman on 24 July 1997. The Chairman reported that he had been unable to make contact with John Neve.

Mailout

The Secretary reported that the mailout had occurred on 12 August 1997. He said that one member had paid the \$6.50 subscription to continue to receive SEC News – Des Ryan. He reported that this was deposited in the Piccol account on 12 August 1997.

The following directors paid the \$6.50 subscription:

A.R. Gourley
Richard Greaves
Greg Wishart
Lois Wishart

3. That the Board authorizes a payment of \$100 to TrueColour photocopying.

M: Richard Greaves S: Lois Wishart CARRIED

Buying Energy Services Workshop

The Chairman and Richard Greaves reported briefly on the VCOSS and Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd Buying Energy Services Co-operatively Workshop on 31 July 1997.

Delegate to Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd

4. That Vern Hughes be co-opted to the Board of Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd.

M: David Griffiths S: Greg Wishart CARRIED

David Griffiths did not vote on the following resolution:

5. That Vern Hughes be Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd's delegate to the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd subsequent to this year's Annual General Meeting.

M: Richard Greaves S: Lois Wishart

Beechworth

Richard Greaves reported briefly on the proposed Centre for Co-operative Action. He said that Latrobe University had responded to a particular project.

Distribution Code Review

David Griffiths reported that the Office of the Regulator-General, Victoria, was reviewing the Distribution Code. He said that he was preparing a submission on behalf of Co-operative Energy Ltd and that a draft would be available soon and that he would appreciate Board input.

THE AGE

The Secretary reported that he had mailed to Board members on 15 August 1997 a copy of a Co-operative Energy Ltd letter to The Age.

Energy Efficiency

The Chairman reported that there had been no response from Energy Victoria to the fax he had sent on the 24 July 1997 concerning Professor Colin Humphreys on Light Emitting Diodes.

Planning

Vern Hughes asked what were Southern Energy's future plans.

It was agreed that each director would bring to the next meeting what he or she considered to be key points, which could go into a business plan.

NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm, 15 September 1997, 172 Skye Road, Frankston

AK Gormley 20/10/97.